



# ORDER OF THE ARROW NISQUALLY LODGE #155

# RAVEN'S WING

ISSUE 1

FEBRUARY 2021

## MORE THAN A WEEKEND

by *Ethan Tice, Lodge Chief*

My name is Ethan Tice and I am your 2021 lodge chief. A little about me; Conner Frans and I (along with a few other arrowmen) were able to revive the Tsaw chapter when we were inducted into the Order. I then became assistant chapter chief for Tsaw, and became a brotherhood member. After this I continued my cheerful service by taking on the role of ordeal master several times.

But this letter is not about me, it is about the lodge. It is about how we can improve and continue to be the best lodge in the section. My goal for the lodge during my term in office is to have all chapters represented in all lodge functions.

This starts at the troop level, where chapter chiefs should implement OA representatives and adult advisors into troops in their chapter's service areas.

From this, we have a solid foundation and communication with troops that we can build on for membership. With numbers, whether they be large or small, we can show brotherhood to all members, whether they are old or young, active or newly inducted.

My chiefs challenge for the lodge is as follows: members should attend at least 6 chapter meetings, attend lodge events (3 if online or 2 in person), perform at least 1 service project with your chapter, and 1 other service project. This year we will do great things, if we work together. Thank you for electing me as your lodge chief for 2021 and I hope to see you soon!



## CALENDAR

Please be sure these events are on your unit's calendar to avoid conflicts.

**Lodge Executive Council**  
February 8, 7pm, Zoom

**Craft & Ceremony Fellowship**  
February 26-27, Virtual

**Lodge Executive Council**  
March 8, 7pm, Zoom

**Lodge Executive Council**  
April 12, 7pm, Zoom

**Vigil Weekend**  
April 24-25, 7pm, Zoom

**Lodge Executive Council**  
May 10 8, 7pm, Zoom

**Spring Ordeal**  
June 4-6, Camp Thunderbird

**Lodge Executive Council**  
June 7, 7pm, Zoom

**Lodge Executive Council**  
July 12, 7pm, Zoom

**Lodge Executive Council**  
August 9, 7pm, Zoom

**Summer Ordeal**  
August 13-15, Camp Thunderbird

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## LODGE ADVISER'S MINUTE

by Gene Victor, Lodge Adviser

As we continue dealing with COVID and all that entails, I would like to thank all of you for your efforts during the past year. There were many brothers who stepped up and answered the call of cheerful service and our Lodge has persevered and had a fine year despite the challenges.

I want to encourage those brothers who have completed their Ordeal to seal their commitment to the Order through the Brotherhood. We are still working on a protocol to conduct the Brotherhood in-person and meet state and county health guidelines. Information will be sent via email once those protocols are decided.

For our Spring Ordeal candidates, you will be ready at our Spring Ordeal on June 4-6. We are making plans for either an in-person or a virtual ordeal. How can you continue to live the ideals of the order, Wimachtendienk, Wingolauchsik, Witahemui?

We have some important and fun activities and responsibilities coming up this spring. In February, we will have our Craft and Ceremonies Fellowship. Have you seen brothers in the Lodge with button blankets? Have you wanted to participate in our ceremonies teams? This is the weekend for you! Registration for all these events will be up on the council website very soon. It will be a virtual event with instructions on how to make your blanket or moccasins via zoom meetings and video. Unit Elections are happening both virtually and in some circumstances in-person. Get your unit scheduled ASAP!

As you can see, there is lots of things to do in the Order of the Arrow even under these circumstances. Each chapter is running chapter meetings through zoom. Service projects through chapters or the lodge are still happening. Find something that excites you and jump in. The Lodge and the Order are only as strong as their members.

Your Brothers need you. Will you answer the (zoom) call? 😊

## SECOND VICE CHIEF

by Sean O'Boyle, First Vice-Chief

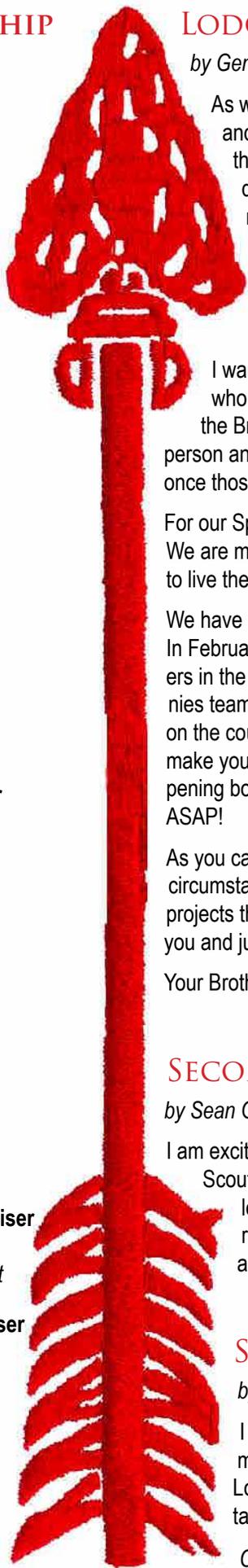
I am excited to serve as the 2021 2nd Vice Chief for Nisqually Lodge. I am an Eagle Scout from Troop 148 and hail from Tsaw Chapter. I look forward to growing my leadership abilities and helping to increase membership participation and recruit more scouts to OA. I plan on working closely with OA Reps in units across our lodge and opening their eyes to the joy of OA.

## SECRETARY/TREASURER

by Zach Victor, Secretary/Treasurer

I am a Vigil honor member from Ahoatsu Mbi chapter and I have served on many different positions over the last 7 years of being a member of Nisqually Lodge. My goals for my position are to come to each LEC with a smile and take great notes about the meetings. As treasurer I will do my best to look

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## COMMON OA TERMS

**Adviser** - Each OA Chief has an associated adult adviser who enables the youth and ultimately our Order, to succeed.

**BSA** - Boy Scouts of America

**Candidate** - What those undergoing an ordeal are referred to before becoming a member.

**Ceremonialist** - Those who help with the induction ceremonies of the lodge. They have a variety of roles from portraying principles to staging.

**Chapter** - The most local embodiment of the Order of the Arrow. Each chapter serves a particular geographic area. There are seven Chapters in Nisqually Lodge, each with their own leadership and schedule.

**Chevron** - The patch that covers the bottom part of the left pocket below the lodge flap. They are commonly created to match a lodge flap (as they are not worn without one) and traded as a set with the matching lodge flap.

**Chief** - A youth leader in the Order of the Arrow.

**CoC** - Council of Chiefs; The council consisting of the 5 Lodge Chiefs from across the Section, the three Section Officers and the CVC's, all responsible for the planning and execution of the annual Conclave along with the general wellbeing of the OA program in our section.

**Conclave** - A weekend gathering of all the lodges in a given section. Usually the biggest annual OA event in the nearby area. A very fun time for Arrowmen both new and old.

**CSP** - A council shoulder patch. The most commonly traded patch type outside of the OA.

**CVC** - Conclave Vice Chief; each CVC is responsible for a particular portion of the Conclave program such as Activities, Special Events, ICE, etc. CVC's attend the CoC and plan Conclave.

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over the Lodge financial account for errors. With the rise of COVID, this is an opportunity for me to remain active in the lodge for another year. Because my college courses (Go Cougs) are online and I am back home instead of on campus this spring, I can attend LEC meetings this year as an active member of the lodge. Hopefully, we will have some in-person events this summer!

## CRAFT AND CEREMONIES: FELLOWSHIP OF THE RAVENS

Join the Fellowship of The Ravens Friday and Saturday, February 26-27, 2021, On-line / Virtual Craft and Ceremonies Fellowship. Plan now to participate in this Great Event! Sign up to ensure you get all the information you need!

Follow this link (<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OACnC2021>) to let us know you plan to participate and to order your craft kit! (you do not have to order a craft kit to participate in the other fellowship activities, but the Fellowship of the Ravens is a wonderful and unique opportunity to start doing some craftwork)

### Craft Kits available:

Button Blanket Kit \$150.00 (Only 7 available reserve yours now!)

Moccasin Kit \$15.00

Mask Kit \$5.00 Mask. Kits will be mailed not picked up. OA, non-medical grade mask.

### Ask the Expert Opportunities!

Friday Night: Meet the Ceremonialist and Unit Elections Training Saturday, February 27

Classes on Ceremonies and Craft skills "Share Your Creations" show and fellowship at 6pm

Game Night! 7pm

### Online workshops on the Saturdays leading up to the event dates!

Saturday, February 6

Saturday, February 13

Saturday, February 20

### Ceremonies Classes on Saturday, February 27, 2021

10am Ordeal Ceremony – Learn the meaning behind the Ordeal Ceremony, what each challenge means and the relationship of each principle to the meaning of the ceremony. Then, read and discuss the Ceremony in a small group led by an experienced Ceremonialist.

1pm Vigil Selection Meeting- Delegates from each Chapter will meet to select the 2021 Nisqually Lodge Vigil class.

This year's circumstances will allow you to spread your crafting time out over several weeks. Get started today by selecting your craft. Then pick up your kit on Saturday, February 6, 2021, and get started. You can get help and instructions at the various Saturday help sessions or call an advisor for help. Details about how to get help will be sent out in future emails, included in kits and posted on our various platforms. Craft Kit Pick up will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2021, from 2-3pmM at either The Tacoma Scout Store parking lot or at Westminster Presbyterian Church (1919 Boulevard Road SE, Olympia, WA) parking lot.

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## COMMON OA TERMS

**Elangomant** - The guide and leader who helped you through your ordeal. They willingly devote themselves to undertake another ordeal as service to the lodge and the candidates.

**Honor** - Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil. The different levels of accomplishment in the OA, similar to scouting's ranks.

**ICE** - Inductions and Ceremonial Events; a term used in the context of national or sectional events. ICE events include inductions, ceremonies related classes, ceremonial evaluations, and ceremony-themed cracker barrels.

**LEC** - Lodge Executive Council is the governing body of Nisqually Lodge composed of local youth leaders who plan and execute the Lodge program. Nisqually LEC meets on the second Monday of each month at the Tumwater Scout office on odd-numbered months and at the Tacoma Scout office on even-numbered months.

**Lodge** - The Order of the Arrow division chartered directly to the individual BSA council. Nisqually Lodge #155 serves the Pacific Harbors Council.

**Lodge Flap** - The triangular patch made by various lodges to be worn on the right pocket. They show the lodge that member belongs to.

**National Chief** - The top youth leader of the Order of the Arrow, elected from the field of Section Chiefs at the OA National Meeting.

**NLS** - National Leadership Seminar; the official OA leadership training conducted by each Region.

**NOAC** - National Order of the Arrow Conference; hosted every two years on a college campus, NOAC unites Arrowmen from across the nation and the world for a week of fantastic fellowship, spectacular shows, and unforgettable experiences! NOAC 2020 is August 3-8 at Michigan State University. Talk to your Chapter Chief about joining the contingent!

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## AHOTASU MBI CHAPTER

*by Jack Porter, Chapter Chief*

I am a Star Scout member of Troop 342 at St. Vincent DePaul's in Federal Way. I'm 14 years old and in 8th grade at Pacific Northwest Connections Academy. In my free time I participate in a community choir, volunteer with various organizations, and enjoy video and board games! As your new Chapter Chief, I hope to find ways for us to continue the OA mission of camping and leadership development as well as service. Covid19 has made those activities harder for all of us. I hope to find service projects that can be done while following the guidelines and requirements of Covid19. I also hope to get plans in place for when camping as a group is allowed again! If you have any ideas for volunteer activities or camping outings, please let me know so they can be discussed. Ahotasu Mbi serves the communities of Federal Way, part of Auburn, Fife, Milton, Northeast Tacoma.



## CHEHALIS CHAPTER

*by William Morton, Chapter Chief*

I was inducted into the OA the fall of 2019 and I am excited to work with my other members to improve our chapter. My goal for this next year is to improve participation and engage more people in OA activities. Chehalis serves the communities of Adna, Boistfort, Centralia, Chehalis, Evaline, Morton, Mossyrock, Napavine, Onalaska, Packwood, Pe Ell, Randle, Rochester, Toledo, Vader, White Pass, Winlock.



## KCUM KCUM CHAPTER

*by Connor Tidwell, Chapter Chief*

Kcum Kcum serves the communities of Aberdeen, Elma, Hood Canal, Hoquiam, Lake Quinalt, McCleary, Montesano, Mary Knight, Naselle-Grays, North Beach, North River, Oakville, Ocean Beach, Ocosta, Pioneer, Raymond, Satsop, South Bend, Taholah, Willapa Valley, Wishkah. If your unit is in this area, please contact your fellow OA scouts and carpool to your monthly chapter meeting. We would love to see you at the next Chapter Meeting!



## SAHAPTIN CHAPTER

*by James Macdonald, Chapter Chief*

I am an Eagle Scout with Troop 472 in DuPont, and I have been in scouting for over 4 years. I look forward to working with you all, and I hope to see you guys soon. Thank you." As for my plan for the next year, I intend to hold an initial game night in early December, hoping to draw as many people as possible. Once I can establish a connection with at least a few members, I plan to start holding service projects and other activities. Sahaptin serves the communities of Bethel, Clover Park, Eatonville, Franklin Pierce, Graham, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Lakewood, Steilacoom.

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## COMMON OA TERMS

**OA** - Order of the Arrow; Scouting's National Honor Society founded in 1915 by Treasure Island Scout Camp counselors E. Urner Goodman and Carol A. Edson.

**Region Chief** - There are four OA Regions: Central Region, Northeastern Region, Southern Region and Western Region (West Is Best!) Each Region is led by a Chief who enables each Section and Lodge to succeed.

**Section** - A collection of lodges in a particular geographic area. Section W-1N (Western Region, Area 1, North) serves both Lodges in Alaska and the three Lodges around the Puget Sound. The Section helps each Lodge build and maintain a quality program while also planning the annual Conclave! Nisqually Lodge's own Sam Taylor is the current Section Chief.

**WWW** - Wimachtendienk Wingolauchsik Witahemui (Brotherhood Cheerfulness and Service); the three primary principles of the Order of the Arrow in the language of the Lenni Lenape, Natives of the Delaware River Basin, the area where OA was founded.



## SQUAXIN CHAPTER

*by Joey Taylor, Outgoing Chapter Chief*

I would like to say thank you to everyone, the entire Squaxin Chapter, for your help and support throughout my two terms as chapter chief! Even though this past year presented us with many challenges we were still able to get through it together, and I could not have done it without your help and support!! Thank you all so very much!! And thank you especially to Russ for being an amazing lodge advisor and helping me out when I needed it, I truly appreciate all the work you did for the chapter, Russ! I wish Lydia Desy good luck in this coming year and I know she will do an amazing job!

*by Lydia Desy, Incoming Chapter Chief*

I'm a sophomore at Timberline High School in Lacey. I'm in Crew 007 and Troop 222G. I enjoy the great outdoors, especially going on hikes or campouts with either of my units. I hope to work alongside my Vice Chief and Advisors to make this year a great one! Although this year may look a little different than those in the past I know that our Brotherhood will bind us and help us overcome any irksome tasks or tiresome challenges that we may face. Squaxin serves the communities of Griffin, Lacey, North Thurston, Olympia, Rainier, Shelton, Tenino, Tumwater, Yelm.

Chapter plan is to communicate with chapter members through email, phone, or social media. Get in contact with OA reps.

1st Monday of the month: chapter meeting

2nd Monday of the month: LEC

3rd Thursday of the month: service or fun activity

*by Steven Sullivan, Chapter Vice Chief*

I am with Troop 48 and I have really enjoyed being with my troop, helping out when and where I can. I completed my Ordeal in August and, as the Vice-Chair, look forward to learning more about OA and assisting my Chapter Chief, Lydia Desy, with her goals for our Chapter. It looks to be a busy year, but there are a lot of nice people and I'm looking forward to this opportunity.



## TSAW CHAPTER

*by Jacob Alfonso, Chapter Chief*

I am from Troop 219. I am an entering Chapter Chief for the Tsaw Chapter. Currently, I am a Junior in High school who actively participates in scout activities. This term, I would like to keep all the Chapter members active and engaged in Chapter/Lodge events. I also hope to provide several service projects for our Chapter. Overall, I would like to keep everyone engaged and having a good time in the midst of a global pandemic. Tsaw serves the communities of Tacoma, Gig Harbor, University Place, Fircrest. If your unit is in this area, please contact your fellow OA scouts and carpool to your monthly chapter meeting. We would love to see you at the next Chapter Meeting!



## WAPITI CHAPTER

*by Jack McQuillen, Chapter Chief*

Wapiti serves the communities of Carbonado, Dieringer, Enumclaw, Orting, Puyallup, Sumner, White River.

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## CHAPTERS

### **Ahotasu Mbi** (Hylebos District)

Chief: Jack Porter

Adviser: Angela Rueber

Totem: Timber Wolf

Meeting: Third Thursday of every month, 7pm, North Lake Improvement Club in Federal Way.

### **Chehalis** (Timberline District)

Chief: William Morton

Adviser: Brian Billings

Totem: Eagle

Meeting: First Tuesday of every month, 6pm, Chehalis Scout Lodge.

### **Kcum Kcum** (Coastal Waters District)

Chief: Connor Tidwell

Adviser: Tim Helman

Totem: Salmon

Meeting: Third Sunday of every month, 5pm, Central Elementary, Hoquiam.

### **Sahaptin** (Glacier View District)

Chief: James MacDonald

Adviser: Duke Forbes

Totem: Frog

Meeting: TBD. Watch your email or the Sahaptin Facebook page.

### **Squaxin** (Capital Area District)

Chief: Lydia Desy

Adviser: Russ Carron

Totem: Salmon

Meeting: First Monday of every month, 7pm, First United Methodist Church, Olympia.

### **Tsaw** (Puget Sound District)

Chief: Jacob Alfonso

Adviser: Matt Bachmann

Totem: Beaver

Meeting: Third Wednesday of every month, 7pm, Tacoma Scout Office.

### **Wapiti** (Mt Tahoma District)

Chief: Jack McQuillen

Adviser: Donnavon Smith

Totem: Elk

Meeting: Second Thursday 7pm, Sumner Scout Lodge (watch your email for details).

## 2021 LODGE BANQUET

Nisqually Lodge held its Lodge Banquet virtually on Zoom for the first time ever. More than 90 people logged in to celebrate the fun, fellowship, and service that Nisqually Lodge did even in the midst of a pandemic. The Lodge mailed the awards to the people so that when their award was announced, they could have the surprise of opening up the envelope and display their award. A banquet menu was sent out from Sarah Kitchings so that people could partake in the same meal. Special Thanks to Joey Taylor, Laura Kitchings, and Ron Francis for planning and executing a wonderful event.

## JANUARY 2021 LODGE BANQUET AWARDS

### **2020 Nagatamen Awards - Youth**

Lydia Desy

Samuel Kuhn

Ethan Tice

### **2020 Nagatamen Awards – Adult**

Paul Sullivan

Angela Rueber

Bob Tice

### **James E. West Award - \$1000 Donation**

(Y) Nate Ostheller

(A) Mickey Adkins

### **Founders Award**

(Y) Conner Frans

(A) Paul Taylor

### **Most Active Chapter**

Squaxin

### **Most Improved Chapter**

Ahoatsu Mbi

### **Executive Committee Member of the Year**

Joey Taylor

### **Lodge Officer of the Year**

Nate Ostheller

### **Family of the Year**

Kitchings Family

### **Arrowman of the Year**

(Y) Ethan Tice

(A) Angela Rueber

### **Spirit of the Arrow**

Jack McQuillen

### **Netami Sakima (Medals – White/Red)**

(Y) Sam Taylor

(A) Bob Tice

### **Lodge Adviser Award (Medals-Black/Red)**

(Y) Sarah Kitchings

(A) PK Dan

### **Nutschihhowe Award**

Laura Kitchings

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

<http://www.nisqually155.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nisqually155/>

<http://www.pacificharbors.org/>

## 2021 MEMBER DUES LINK

<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OAMemberDues2021>

## CRAFT&CEREMONY REGISTRATION

<https://scoutingevent.com/612-OACnC2021>